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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: Chief, CIA Library, OCD

25X1 Visited [ ] with [ ] to discuss the new 25X1  
reserve stock figures for NIS publications. Figures were quoted  
at 116 copies for basic bound inviolate set, and 100 unbound  
elements for extra dissemination needs as each section is issued.  
The maximum reserve stock would therefore be 216 copies for any  
given section; this figure is a theoretical maximum since there  
are always some copies issued from the unbound element set.

The Records Center's inventory of NIS stock copies revealed  
that for each section thus far issued there existed stock copies  
in excess of the theoretical maximum. [ ] requested per- 25X1  
mission to destroy all stock copies in excess of 216. [ ] 25X1  
agreed that the request was logical but deferred decision until  
clearing the problem with [ ] 25X1

25X1 Shortly after the meeting, [ ] received a call from 25X1  
[ ] who informed him that [ ] requested that 25X1  
no destruction of stock copies take place at this time. This  
decision was based on [ ] desire to forestall action 25X1  
until certain dissemination requirements of the NIS Committee  
were made official and firm.

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Follow-up:

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1. D/NIS still not convinced anything should be destroyed.
2. D/NIS still indefinite as to when requirements will  
become "firm."
3. D/NIS is still waiting for final approval from the  
inter-departmental NIS committee and I&SS regarding this point.
4. D/NIS has again emphasized that they are aware of our  
need for this information and of our problem of space limitation.

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